

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on March 16, 2015 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Baumgartner. On roll call were Alderpersons Hilson, Jensen, LaQueue, Marti, Roseberry, Mayor Baumgartner and Chief Anderson. Alderperson Kierstyn was excused. Several citizens were in attendance.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:
 - a. March 2, 2015 Regular Session
2. Committee/Commission/Authority/Advisory Minutes:
 - a. March 4, 2015 Cable Advisory
 - b. March 10, 2015 Public Safety Committee
 - c. March 11, 2015 Public Works Committee
 - d. March 12, 2015 Policy & Procedure Committee
 - e. March 12, 2015 Adams County Fire District
3. Operator's License
 - a. March 2, 2015 to March 16, 2015.

Motion by Jensen, second by Marti to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Consent Agenda: Committee/Commission/Authority/Advisory Minutes

Cable Advisory Committee - March 4, 2015

Discussion Relating to Channel 4. A discussion was held regarding submitting a letter to the school to request their attendance at the next cable meeting in April. The schools attendance is mandatory as they will be asked for answers about what their progress is, actions taken, and expectations for the future of Channel 4. At that point it will be determined on whether to discontinue the Quarterly payments.

Public Safety Committee - March 10, 2015

In Petitions & Communications: Citizen was in contact with Hilson concerning lane changes in the four lane section of Main Street. Menck stated concerns about the intersection at Liberty and Cedar

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Discussion Relating to Fire Safety: Response time is unacceptable, changes need to be made. Mayor will talk to Fire Chief. A letter from the Safety Committee may be in order.

Department Update:

- Review of Police Report.
- DOJ CIB audit is underway.
- Certification courses are also underway.

Approve/Update Relating to Building Inspector-Zoning Administrator's Detailed Report: Busy with code violations. Inspector would like fire dept. to contact him when there is a fire in town so he can inspect before people move back in.

Motion by Davis, Second by Hilson to approve the Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Detailed Report. All voted aye.

Approve Police Report:

Motion by Menck, Second by Davis to approve the Police Report. All voted aye.

Public Works Committee - March 11, 2015

In Petitions and Communications: Discussion held regarding CAP Services water credit of \$15,873.00. Investigating date of notification to the City by CAP Services and why we were not notified by staff earlier.

Agenda Items:

Discussion/Recommendation Relating to Request for Banner Placement in South Business Park – Faith in Action 10 year Anniversary. Recommendation by Wormet, second by Hilson to approve banner placement. All voted aye.

Discussion Relating to Bulk Oil Purchase Engine Oil, Trans Oil bulk (Moore Oil) \$525.00 savings, \$1050.00 per year.

Discussion/Recommendation Relating to Salt Contract State contract: No recommendation needed.

Discussion Relating to Arbor Day Celebration – Tree City USA Wednesday, April 22nd, planting a tree in the City, receiving award for 20 years – Tree City.

Report on Public Works Department Activity:

On 3/8/15, Bob, Jeff and Brian responded to a water leak at a residence on Hazel Street, Fenner's called in to excavate service valve

8 lateral water freeze up's and 1 service freeze up's so far

22 planters \$1,400.00

Motion by Wormet, second by Hilson to adjourn. All voted aye.

Policy & Procedure Committee - March 12, 2015

Petitions & Communications: Winters gave an update on the County Assessment Proposal and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities opposition to it.

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Discussion Relating to Residential Rentals. Clerk Winters stated that we have asked the City of Wausau to email it to us in word format. We have also asked Attorney Harvey to include it in the codification and have sent the sample to him. Bob White stated that this would be beneficial to inspection on rental homes.

Discussion Relating to possible changes to Zoning Ordinance 15-5-3 - Fences. White stated that the Planning Commission Members gave the fence ordinance considerable time when creating it. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Discussion Regarding to Ordinance Codification. The Committee reviewed the amendments and additions previously observed. This will be continued at the next meeting.

Adams County Fire District - March 12, 2015

Agenda Item

Chief's Report: There were 7 calls since the last report. Grit was left in tanker after Rennert's repair, they explained if it causes any problems to let them know and they will make it right. Motor from truck 303 is starting hard, might cause costly repairs.

No action taken on Easton fill site.

Petitions and Communications:

Ken Romell addressed the Council reading a letter to the City of Adams Council Members: I appear before you this evening to ask that you consider the many factors involved in the recent attack upon your Public Works Director. You will hear allegations that he committed a personal indiscretion and that is the primary basis of the Mayor's request to not simply discipline him, but to terminate his employment with the City. I suggest that while some form of discipline may be in order, to terminate an employee with the dedication that the Public Works Director has demonstrated over the years would be counter-productive to the best interests of the City. Talk to many residents of the City and I would expect that you will find overwhelming support for the work that the Public Director has exhibited over the years.

The Public Director is a salaried employee, not on the clock. He is on call 24/7 as need arises. I trust that all of you have personally observed him report to work after a major rainfall or snowstorm that required immediate attention. He is a manager and sometimes employees do not always appreciate the decisions that a manager is required to implement. Any personal indiscretion that a Public Works Director may have committed must be weighed against the harm, if any, that resulted from such action. I submit that little if any harm has been inflicted upon the City.

THE MINUTES ARE DRAFT AND SUBJECT TO COUNCIL APPROVAL

I would be much more concerned with the Public Works Director and other employees of the City having travelled to Madison, to devote days working for the GEITS Company in remodeling their Corporate office in Madison.

I do not believe that the current Mayor has any significant complaints with performance with the Public Works Director. However, it appears that she was overly influenced by the past Administrator and that influence seems to continue to this day. The past Administrator does have a lot of animosity towards the Public Works Director. The GEITS fiasco has not gone away and will not go away as long as the Mayor allows the past Administrator to exert influence on the City Council through circuitous routes, such as herself.

It is time to stop the needless waste of taxpayer dollars. As a result of the GEITS fiasco the taxpayers in the City will pay about two million dollars over the next ten years that will bring not a single benefit to the Citizens of the City. We have paid the Public Works Director for weeks without receiving an hour of service, all caused by the Mayor who appears to be currying favor with the past Administrator.

Discipline for the Public Works Director, apply as appropriate. But to terminate his service to the City would be out of proportion to any harm done to the City and would be counter-productive to maintaining continuity of management of the Public Works Department. I will leave you with one last thought from the good book, Let him that is without sin, cast the first stone.

Report of City Officers:

Mayor Baumgartner reported the “Let Run” is still in effect as we had a freeze up today. We will get the word out on the news and radio to stop. The Leaf Vac will be out the first two weeks in April, starting April 6th through the 17th. They will be picking up the paper bags of leaves on the curb and the alley. Pet waste is not to be put into the bags as they are heavy and hard to handle. Brush pick-up will commence in April on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. They are waiting until the ground firms up or they will have yard damage. Arbor Day will be April 22nd at the Lions Park and Don Kissinger from the DNR will be here with our 20 year Tree City USA certificate. We are trying to plan a little more activity around that time. The Downtown is planning on some cleanup and flower planting in the Park this year.

Chief Anderson reported Alternate side parking is still being enforced. He asked the Council if nice weather continues possibly at the next meeting, lifting the enforcement to April 1st. Property Maintenance Enforcement will begin shortly, weather permitting. On the Crime Information Bureau (CIB) Audit, the young lady has been working on the paper work and now working on policy. The Audit was due March 3rd and I asked for an extension and now we have until April 15th and confident we will get everything completed.

New and Unfinished Business:

Motion by Marti, second by Hilson to forego the second reading and Adopt the Resolution 2015-13R (see appendix B of Minutes Book) **Relating to Temporary Closing of Hazel Street – From Main Street to the South-West Corner of Alley. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Motion by Roseberry, second by Jensen to Adopt Resolution 2015-14R (see appendix B of Minutes Book) **Relating to Opposing County Assessment Proposal in the State Budget Bill.** Mayor Baumgartner stated that we are in the middle of our revaluation and it is costing us approximately \$26,000. If this Bill is passed that would be our annual payment. **Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Motion by Marti, second by LaQuee to Combine Mid-Month Regular Session April 20, 2015 with Organizational Meeting April 21, 2015. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Marti, second by LaQuee to combine the April 6, 2015 Regular Session Meeting with the April 21, 2015 Organizational Meeting (Due to Spring Election held on April 7, 2015). Mayor Baumgartner explained that if a Special Session is needed a date will be scheduled. **Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Motion by Marti, second by Hilson to Approve the Request for Banner Placement in South Business Park to Faith in Action 10 year Anniversary for this year. Mayor Baumgartner stated that the banner would be up from roughly May to October. Roseberry asked if this has been requested before. Mayor Baumgartner stated this is the first time this has been requested and it is setting precedence. This banner would be placed between

the same posts used for the Centennial banner. **Roll call vote, LaQueue, Marti, Hilson, Jensen – yes; Roseberry – no.**

Motion by Marti, second by Roseberry to Approve Amendment to Ground Lease Extension – U.S. Cellular. Mayor Baumgartner stated the Amendment now includes Sub-Leasing giving us a payback for it. Chief Anderson asked who is liable for damage if they sub-let to another company. Mayor Baumgartner stated they are. **Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Motion by Roseberry, second by Jensen to Approve Payment of Bills. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Hilson, second by LaQueue to table the hearing regarding the dismissal of Street Superintendent Dave Mead for a minimum of ten days. Roll call vote, LaQueue, Hilson, Jensen – yes; Roseberry – no; Marti – abstained.

Motion by Hilson, second by LaQueue to withdraw the previous motion relating to the hearing regarding the dismissal of Street Superintendent Dave Mead. Roll call vote, LaQueue, Hilson, Jensen, Marti – yes; Roseberry – no.

Motion to reconsider by Hilson, second by LaQueue to table the hearing regarding the dismissal of Street Superintendent Dave Mead for a period of ten days. Roll call vote, LaQueue, Hilson, Jensen, Marti – yes; Roseberry – no.

Motion by Roseberry, second by Marti to Adjourn. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet L. Winters, CMC, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk/Treasurer